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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional)	
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plication Number 09/980,649		Filed June 4, 2002	
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Art Unit 1651		Examiner Kim, Taeyoon	
his is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR application.	1.136(a) to extend the per	iod for filing a reply in	the above identified
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